



Key Advantage

**Notification of Changes to Your Member Handbook
Effective August 1, 2006**

*The Local Choice Health Benefits Program
Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Human Resource Management*

Keep this notification with your Key Advantage Member Handbook and Benefits Summary Insert, for a full and complete description of your coverage. You or your Benefits Administrator may view and print the handbook from The Local Choice Web site at www.thelocalchoice.virginia.gov or from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's site at www.anthem.com/cova.

1) The exclusion for care of obesity or services related to weight loss or dietary control is replaced as follows.

Your coverage does not include benefits for care of **obesity** or services related to weight loss or dietary control, including complications that directly result from such surgeries and/or procedures. This includes weight reduction therapies/activities, even if there is a related medical problem. Notwithstanding provisions of other exclusions involving cosmetic surgery to the contrary, services rendered to improve appearance (such as abdominoplasties, panniculectomies, and lipectomies), are not covered services even though the services may be required to correct deformity after a previous therapeutic process involving gastric bypass surgery.

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